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DISTRICT DAY.

The action of the House yesterday calls for no special remembrance from citizens of the District. The discussion of the public improvements named in connection with the growth of the city brought out remarks that were in every way friendly to the objects proposed.

The Rock Creek Zoological Park was especially removed from hostile remark. Mr. McCombs claimed that it was absurd to assert that this appropriation was a District matter. Mr. Butterworth held that it was a national affair. Mr. Atkinson claimed that one-half of the appropriation had been already granted by the District under the debt generally assumed, which amounts to \$19,000,000, which is a debt larger to the assessed value of the property than that of any other city in the United States. He held that taxes were high enough in the District, and that the Park is not for the people of the District but for the whole nation. Mr. Chandler took the ground that, if the United States Government could not enter upon the enterprise the bill should be killed at once.

There will be no need to kill the bill. It will pass both houses successfully, and the day will come when it will seem ludicrous to inquire who opposed it. The United States cannot afford to let their aboriginal animals die on without due record.

TO MORTAL COMBAT.

The misunderstanding between John M. Fleming, of the Knoxville Journal and James H. Phelan, a Tennessee Congressman, is likely to be wiped out with blood, or with the satirical imitation of the ancient duels, which is becoming popular in these halcyon days. As customs go, no one wounds his enemy any more. He wounds his friend instead.

These encounters if they proceed no further end than newspaper vaporing are a disgrace to all who are concerned. Especially are they discredit to newspaper men, who, from numberless instances of folly, may be expected to draw wise inferences.

Mr. Phelan is the owner of the Memphis Avalanche and Colonel Fleming has, for a considerable period, been connected with the Sentinel. What of truth can the outcome of their quarrel establish?

The bone of contention, so to speak, is a history of Tennessee, written for school purposes, by Mr. Phelan. The book has been severely criticized, and Mr. Phelan has retorted on his persecutors in kind. He has retorted by saying that "the half-witted editor of the Sentinel does not know the difference between a fact and an opinion."

Altogether, the case seems to call for a recourse to the code of honor. It is a case of coffee and pistols for two. Only the charges in those pistols should be blank cartridges and the result should be unambiguous.

THE CRITIC has been in advance of all its contemporaries in advocacy of the removal of the Long Bridge as it now is, and its reconstruction as it ought to be. The engineers of the Government confirm the opinion which has been announced as to the only satisfactory mode. When the Long Bridge has been raised, as has been suggested, there will be no more ice-gorges in mid-stream and no more floods in South Washington. Against the seeming doom and disaster of the past, the proper and prompt application of the first principles of engineering are the only sufficient safeguard.

THE REMOVED disagreements of Mr. Harrison's Cabinet are not encouraging. There never has been a period in the history of the country in which more tragic events crowded into the same space of time serve to show the responsiveness of the people to the needs of the occasion. It would doubtless be a crowning success if Mr. Harrison and his Cabinet came into true touch with the people. And the White House knows it.

THE DECISION of Chief Justice Bingham in regard to witnesses testifying in liquor cases is worthy of the man and of the court. There has been too much latitude in regard to such cases. The universality which embraces the premises forbids the sale of liquor under suspicious circumstances. The state must see to it that no cloud rests upon the horizon of its administration of departmental justice.

CHICAGO REMISSIONS couldn't wait until the World's Fair was secured before the boomers fell to quarrelling among themselves over the handling of the spoils.

THE IOWA LEGISLATURE in voting to perpetuate the prohibition form really voted to continue the "speak-easy" substance.

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Mrs. John Miller and Mrs. Lothrop were assisted by Mrs. Michael Veazey to Mr. Clifford S. Walton was celebrated last evening, at 7:30 o'clock, at Epiphany Church. Rev. Dr. McKim officiated. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. Veazey, state Commissioner, preceded by the ushers, Mr. Albin Veazey, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Partridge, Mr. James Page, Mr. Harry Kelley and Lieutenant Lecher. The bridesmaids, Miss Elizabeth Smith, Miss Vermont, Miss Jeannette Halford, Miss Harriet Hutchinson, Miss Miss Patterson, and the maid of honor, Miss Miss Townsend, attended by her best man, Lieutenant Landrey, met the bride at the altar. The wedding gown was of white satin and court train, over a petticoat of blue and gold. The bodice was edged with a full train of white lace. The veil was fastened with a diamond pin which held a spray of lilies of the valley. The bouquet of Puritan roses carried concealed a ring, which was subsequently carried by Miss Halford. The bridesmaids' gowns were of white tulle, with bodices of white faille, and each young lady carried in place of a bouquet, as the gift of the bride, a prayer book, bound in white, with the initials of the bride and groom in silver. The gown worn by the maid of honor was of lilac crepe. Following the ceremony at the church came a reception at the residence of Senator and Mrs. Edmunds on Massachusetts avenue, after which Mr. and Mrs. Walton left for a trip, upon their return from which they will reside at the Elms.

Mrs. Menocel left this morning for New York to join her husband who expects to sail on the 30th inst. for Nicaragua.

The marriage of Mr. W. J. Little and Miss Tillye House, of 1317 Corcoran street, was quietly solemnized before a small gathering of friends by Rev. Father Chappelle, at St. Matthew's Church, this forenoon. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Little left for an extended trip South, and upon their return will reside at 1206 N street northwest. The groom is well known as a young patent attorney of this city.

Here von Alvensleben, who has recently declined to succeed Count Herbert Bismarck as German Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, is well known in Washington. In 1884 he came to this country as Minister Plenipotentiary, after having previously served as secretary of the German Legation some fifteen years before. After a residence of three years as Minister in Washington, von Alvensleben was transferred to Brussels and Count D'Arcy, the present Minister, appointed to succeed him.

A recent present to the Queen of Sweden from the Crown Princess of Denmark is a text album illuminated in fifteenth century style by the Princess' own hand, containing the Queen's favorite verses from the Old and New Testaments. Each page is ornamented with a different design, so carefully and elaborately executed that several years have been occupied by Her Royal Highness in the accomplishment of the work. The binding is of embossed leather, with the arms of Sweden, and is decorated with a pattern especially selected by the Princess, and the book is mounted in silver. The Queen has been in poor health and depressed spirits all winter. The presentation of this beautiful work, which combines with its artistic merit the priceless value of the love expended in its completion, is said to have greatly affected the invalid Queen.

His Dear Five Hundred.
Architect—From you've made up your mind to build, eh? Do you know just what you want?
S. U. Barb—No, not yet. My friends haven't let me into their secrets on that point, yet.

Supper at home. He could not eat. Oh, bread like patty! Oh, meat of wheat! Oh, slushy pickles! Oh, tea of fat!
He rose from the table a starving man.

Alack, what a life